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SUBJECT: KIM KYU-T'AEK

REF: A) MOSCOW 15154

1. KIM KYU-T'AEK, A FORMER UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, WAS FIRST APPOINTED SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE KOREAN COMMISSION FOR UNESCO IN 1973. HE IS NOW IN HIS SECOND 4-YEAR TERM. DR. KIM IS A WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL SCIENTIST WHO HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ON THE KOREAN SCENE AND ON NATION BUILDING. FROM 1965 TO 1973 HE WAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN-KOREAN ASSOCIATION. HE WAS NAMED KOREAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONFERENCE FOR UNIVERSIDAD GAMES IN MOSCOW IN 1973. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, HE WAS DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN OF THE KOREA YOUTH CORPS COUNCIL.

2. DURING THE EARLY AND MID-1960'S, WHILE HE WAS A LECTURER AT YONSEI UNIVERSITY, DR. KIM KEPT CLOSE CONTACT WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, WHO PRAISED HIS JUDGEMENT AND CANDOR IN REPORTING ON THE KOREAN POLITICAL SCENE.

3. THE 46-YEAR OLD KIM KYU-T'AEK IS THE SON OF A WEALTHY KOREAN BUSINESSMAN. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HE IS AN AVID TENNIS PLAYER.

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